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MOLECULAR BIOLOGICAL IDENTIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR MICROORGANISMS For:

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- \boxtimes 3 sheets of drawings
- 冈 Certified copies of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-031488 of February 7, 2003 and 2003-168941 of June 13, 2003 on which Convention priority is claimed
- \boxtimes Declaration and Power of Attorney
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- \boxtimes Applicant claims Small Entity Status

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